



PHO
Masters of Public Health
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Public Health Graduate Student Organization
Thursday, September 10, 2009
Allied Health Sciences Building, Room 1345, 6:30pm

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call

Chris Green, Kimberly Matthews, Fred Wright, Kyle Wilson, James Gordon, Rachel Williams, Leisha Johnson, Cameron Lloyd, Chelsea Stowe, Carrie May, Caitlyn Warren, Amber Moore, Karmie Ritchie, Vivek Miyani, Maya Cooke, David Blackley, Jared McGuiert, Lucy Stanley, Beatriz Reyes, Blessing Adeoti, Alex Jiamachello, Lacy Dean, Brian Loveland, Amber Foreman, Becky Merrick.

- III. Officer Reports

- a. President, Becky Merrick
 - i. Welcome

This is the first meeting of the year. Thank you for everyone coming out. She is excited about the turnout for our first meeting. Our next meeting is on Oct 1.

- ii. PHO Roster and Member Information

Dues are \$10 per semester (\$20 per year) and can be paid to Chris Green by check or cash when you see him or our next meeting.

- iii. Volunteer Center Registration

Forms for volunteering can be picked up at the Volunteer center (Old Cafeteria Complex) or by Fred. Forms were passed out for Fred to collect and turn in. You can also sign up for the Volunteer center online at WWW.ECU.EDU. Completing the form guarantees insurance coverage in the amount of \$1 million for all volunteers. The insurance policy also covers car accidents in route to a volunteer site. The Volunteer Center will also document volunteer service for students who complete volunteer time sheets. This is especially useful for those interested in pursuing further education, as the Volunteer Center will forward this documentation to secondary institutions on behalf of students.

- b. Vice President, Brian Loveland
 - i. Intramurals – COED Soccer

Signup sheet passed out. Depending on the numbers that sign up will decide on COED. We would like to have enough females to play. (A minimum of 4)

- c. Treasurer, Chris Green
 - i. Dues
 - 1. Dues_\$10/semester

PHO dues are \$10 per semester. Students may pay for the fall only or \$20 for the year. Cash or checks may be submitted to Ross. Please make checks payable to **PHO**.

- ii. T-shirts

- d. Secretary, Trey Wright
 - i. Sign-up Sheets

Signup sheets were passed around for Intramural Soccer, Big/Little Program, and committees. All students were given a survey to assess interests, etc. All were encouraged to include as much information as possible so that PHO could make their experiences in the program as positive as possible.

- IV. Special Reports
 - a. Ms. Ruth Little, Deputy Director of Masters of Public Health Program
 - i. Food Literacy Certification Program Presentation
 - ii. Discussion
 - b. Kyle Wilson
 - i. NCPHA Student Caucus

NCPHA is a professional association of people practicing public health in NC. It is a statewide professional association and is an affiliate of APHA (American Public Health Association). APHA is a national organization that advocates at the federal level for policy issues affecting health in the US and around the world. APHA was founded in the late 1800's and each state founded associations later; there were even some city ones. NCPHA first convened in Asheville, NC in 1909;

- 1. Annual Conference in Asheville, NC, Sept. 30 – Oct. 2

The NCPHA will be holding its Annual Conference in Asheville, NC on Sept 30 – Oct 2. The website is www.ncpha.com and is currently being updated to allow online registration. NCPHA has this annual conference because it is highly educational. Each section of NCPHA sponsors workshops about important activities (continuing education, etc.). Each student was also given a registration form for the NCPHA conference. The fee is half price for students. A student who wants to attend all three days will pay \$80 with the discount and one who only plans to attend one day will pay \$57.50 with the discount.

Brian, David, Kim, Chris, and Kyle are all going to NCPHA.

- a. Financial Support

The conference registration fees have been discounted for students. It is \$80 for the entire three-day conference and \$57.50 for one day. PHO will sponsor five students this year.

- b. Membership & Conference Registration

NCPHA membership is only \$7.50 for students. All are encouraged to join.

NCPHA membership and conference fees were collected at this meeting.

- 2. Benefits of NCPHA membership

- c. Becky Merrick
 - i. APHA Annual Conference, Nov. 7 – 11
 - Brian, David, Kim, Chris, Anna, and Becky are going
 - 1. Benefits of APHA

- V. Old Business
 - a. Elect 2009-2010 Parliamentarian
 - Nominations of the Parliamentarian: Kimberly Matthews, and Chelsea Stowe
 - Chelsea Stowe is elected our New Parliamentarian.
- VI. New Business (No Faculty Present)

OPEN STUDENT DISCUSSION-NO FACULTY

Becky began the open student discussion by encouraging all students to bring up any issues of importance to them. This time is not, for obvious reasons, recorded in official minutes. First-year students were asked to put social interests on the back of the survey.

- a. Icebreaker
- b. Social, Volunteer, and Fundraising Chairpersons and Committees

Sign up for the committee that you would like to be a part of. Each committee is to designate a committee chair.

c. Big/Little Program

If you would like to have a Big/Little that can aid in what classes to take, or general advice on the MPH program you can sign up with Fred. An e-mail will be sent our asking for requests, then random assignment of big/little.

Students signed up for the following opportunities:

1. Big/Little-PHO Mentoring Program

Little	Big
1 st year - Little	2 nd year - Big
Caitlyn Warren - cmw0403@ecu.edu	Rachel Williams – rew0818@ecu.edu
Karamie Ritchie – krr0402@ecu.edu	James Gordon – jeg1214@ecu.edu
Vivek Miyani – vam0711@ecu.edu	David Blackley – djb0928@ecu.edu
Blessing “OT” Adeoti – ota0528@ecu.edu	Brian Loveland – bhl0310@ecu.edu
Beatriz Reyes – bor1107@ecu.edu	Chris Green - cgg1222@ecu.edu
Lacy Dean – sld1103@ecu.edu	Kim Matthews - kjm0926@ecu.edu
Cameron Lloyd – cli0126@ecu.edu	Fred Wright – few1222@ecu.edu
Chelsea Stowe – cls0820d1@ecu.edu	Becky Merrick – rlm0120@ecu.edu
Lucy Stanley – lns0228@ecu.edu	Fred Wright – few1222@ecu.edu
Amber Foreman - af0205@ecu.edu	Becky Merrick – rlm0120@ecu.edu

2. Committees

There are three committees: social, volunteer & fundraising. Intramural sports fall under the Social Committee. Kelvin Freeman has openings on his flag football team.

COMMITTEES

SOCIAL	VOLUNTEER	FUNDRAISING
Cameron Llyod	Chris Green	Fred Wright
Leisha Johnson	Kim Matthews	Chelsea Stowe
Caitlyn Warrenke	Caitlyn Warren	Caitlyn Warren
Amber Moore	Amber Moore	Amber Moore
Karamie Ritchie		Maya Cooke
Mayak Cooke		Blessing Adeoti
Jared McGuirt		Alex Jiamachello
Lucy Stanley		Lacy Dean
Blessing Adeoti		
Beatriz Reyes		
Amber Foreman		Amber Foreman

- d. Upcoming Social events
 - i. Homecoming, Oct. 17, 12:30 BSOM BBQ and tailgate (3:30 game vs. Rice)
- We are tailgating with Brody School of Medicine.

VII. Announcements

- a. Dr. Jilcott, Global Public Health Interest Group, Tonight, 7:30 at the Tippy Teapot
 - i. Time for the interest group was moved back to an hour later.
- b. NCSOPHE (Society for Public Health Educators) Annual Meeting, Sept. 10 – 11, Brody School of Medicine
- c. National Conference to End Health Disparities, Nov. 3-6, Winston-Salem
 - i. Student Posters Abstract Deadline: Sept. 15

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by president, Becky Merrick.